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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/014457

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TITLE OF INVENTION

ИE OF	TH(DD OF DETECTING OR DIFFERERENTIATING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND METHOD OF DETERMINING STAGE EASE OR DEGREE OF DYSFUNCTION WITH REGARD TO RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
		CANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US ko SHIINA, Hiroshi ODA, Kosuke SEIKI, Toshio USHIYAMA, Yoshihiro URADE, Naomi EGUCHI and Yutaka EGUCHI
√pp	olica	nt herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.
1.	\boxtimes	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.		This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.	☒	This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
4.	\boxtimes	The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5.	\boxtimes	 A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.	\boxtimes	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). a. ☑ is attached hereto.
		b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
7.		Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made.
8.		An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.	\boxtimes	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C371(c)(4)).
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10.		An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
ter	ns 1	11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:
1.	Ass	signee: Maruha Corporation of Tokyo, Japan and Osaka Bioscience Institute of Osaka, Japan
12.		An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13.	\boxtimes	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14.		A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15.		An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16.		A substitute specification.
17.		A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
8.	\boxtimes	Figure of Drawing to be published: 1
19.		A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
20.		A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
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22.	\boxtimes	Other items or information: Copy of the International Application as published in Japanese Receipt in the Case of an Original Deposit in Japanese with English language translation PCT/RO/101-PCT Request in Japanese; PCT/ISA/210-International Search Report in Japanese and English PCT/IB/304; PCT/IB/308; PCT/IPEA/409 in Japanese Claim of Priority

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Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as \$ 400.00 an International Searching Authority......100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office.......400.00 All other situations......500.00 TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 = \$ 900.00 Additional Fee for Specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. **Total Sheets** Extra Sheets Number of each RATE additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) -100= /50 =x \$250.00 0.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)). Number Filed Number Extra Rate **Total Claims** 14 - 20 = 0 × \$50.00 0.00 \$ Independent Claims 7 - 3= 4 × \$200.00 \$ 800.00 Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) + \$360.00 \$ 0.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,700.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above 0.00 are reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL = \$1,700.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months 0.00 from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (i)). Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$ 0.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$1,700.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must 40.00 be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$1,740.00 Amount to be refunded Charged a. A check in the amount of \$1,740.00 to cover the above fees is included. b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. ___ _in the amount of \$____ _ to cover the above fees. c. 🛮 The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit car information and authorization on PTO-2038 NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO CUSTOMER NO. 07055 AT THE PRESENT ADDRESS OF: Leslie J. Paperner Reg. #33329 March 24, 2006 GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. Bruce H. Bernstein 1950 Roland Clark Place NAME Reston, VA 20191

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